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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

To: Department of Justice
Re: Microsoft Settlement

The settlement purposed for case United States v. Microsoft is not acceptable to me as a consumer. Microsoft's anticompetitive actions over the past decade have forced consumers to accept poor quality software in order to use desired quality software. If it were possible to choose the operating system platform on hardware purchased at the consumer and business level, the consumer would do so. A settlement must robustly support the entry of alternative operating systems in the market at Microsoft's expense. There must be a level-playing field for the consumer to make a judgement about which product to purchase.

I make these statements solely on my personal opinion. I do not speak for my employer or any other individual or entity. I do speak as a consumer and computer professional.

Thank you,
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